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TENTH WORLD METHODIST CONFERENCE

The Tenth World Methodist Conference, held at Oslo, Norway in August, has passed into history, but it will long be remembered by Methodists the world over. This was the first such Conference to be held outside an English-speaking country, and was the largest Methodist gathering ever to take place on the European Continent. It was attended by approximately 1300 persons from at least 45 countries or geographical areas.

The Methodist people of Oslo and Norway, under the able direction of Mr. Ragnar Horn, left no stone unturned in welcoming and caring for their visitors, and there was general agreement on the excellence of the program.

The new Central Church was the scene of varied activity throughout the Conference. The several rooms adjoining the sanctuary were used by the registration officials, the housing committee, and other groups, and for special exhibits of *The Upper Room* and the Methodist Publishing House in the United States. The sessions of the Conference and the public evening meetings were held in the Filadelfia Hall of the Pentecostal Church, which seated about 2100 and was always filled in the evening. A Grand Methodist Rally and the Sunday preaching services were held at the Njardhallen or Sports Arena, which accommodates 3500. An Ecumenical Service was held one evening in the Oslo Cathedral of the Lutheran Church, the Established Church of Norway.

Each day began with Holy Communion in Central Methodist Church, directed by host Bishop Odd Hagen. This was followed by the session at Filadelfia Hall, at which two addresses were delivered. At noon the Conference divided into three groups. There was Bible Study in Central Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Rupert Davies of the United Kingdom; there were discussion groups in the nearby Lutheran Building; and at Filadelfia Hall there was a session called "Methodism in Action," at which two addresses were given on Methodism in certain

geographical areas and phases of Methodist work. On three afternoons there were lectures of a scholarly nature at University Hall.

The opening assembly was attended by His Majesty, the King of Norway, the American Ambassador, and a representative of the British Embassy. This colorful first session featured a Procession of Flags, 53 flags of countries in the membership of the World Methodist Council being borne through the aisles of Filadelfia Hall by young people and placed in positions on the great platform.

Special features included the Rally and Ecumenical Service above mentioned, and a Youth Rally, at which the speakers were three young people and Dr. Helen Kim, President of Ewha University at Seoul, Korea.

On the final day there was a Service of Appreciation, Dedication and Thanksgiving, conducted by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, at which citations were presented to Dr. Harold Roberts, Dr. E. Benson Perkins, Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Mr. Edwin L. Jones, and Mr. L. A. Ellwood, officers of the Council.

Immediately preceding the World Methodist Conference the Second Assembly of the affiliated World Federation of Methodist Women was held, the meetings being in the First, Immanuel, and Bethlehem Methodist Churches. There was an attendance of 46 official members and delegates from 38 countries, with numerous visiting women from over the world. A dramatic presentation, "A World Wide Fellowship," written by Mrs. Anne Marie Collin of Sweden, was one of the highlights of the Assembly.

Numerous courtesies were extended by various individuals and groups. The King received a small group from the Conference at the Royal Palace, and during the audience he presented medals to Mr. Ragnar Horn and Dr. Anker Nilsen for outstanding service, an award reserved for Norwegian citizens. A reception was given in the fine City Hall by the Mayor and civic leaders of Oslo. A luncheon given by *The Upper Room* honored the European editions of that famed devotional guide. On one evening *World Outlook,* American Methodist missionary magazine, honored the two retiring Secretaries, Dr. E. Benson Perkins and Dr. Elmer T. Clark, at a large dinner. There were also several other such functions. Youth parties in Norwegian homes were arranged one night for all the visiting youth delegates.

The actions of the business sessions are set forth in the various minutes published elsewhere in this bulletin. A complete report of the Conference, including all the addresses and a *Who's Who* of those in attendance, will be published by the Epworth Press in London, probably in December, and will be sold by that press and the Methodist Publishing House in the United States.

A MESSAGE TO THE METHODIST CHURCHES OF THE WORLD FROM THE TENTH WORLD METHODIST CONFERENCE, OSLO, NORWAY, 1961

Theme: "New Life in the Spirit"

We believe it was in God's providence that the chosen theme of the conference was "New Life in the Spirit." To focus the attention and study of an entire conference of a world-wide church on the work of the Holy Spirit is as significant as it is unique. We are encouraged to invite our fellow Methodists in every land to devote themselves to the same prayerful study in the coming months. Methodist participation in ecumenical discussion in recent years has made us increasingly aware of the heritage which is ours in the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, especially as it relates to the distinctive doctrines of Assurance and Scriptural Holiness. Our experience in the conference has taught us that the Bible has insights to offer us on the work of the Holy Spirit in the church, in the life of society, and in our personal lives which we have by no means fully appropriated. In days when men's hearts are failing them for fear, we take courage in the certainty that the Spirit still bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

The Fellowship of the New Life

Our comradeship at Oslo has itself borne witness to the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Men and women of many colours, coming from over fifty nations, with our homes on both sides of the Iron Curtain, we have none the less lived and worked together as Christian brethren. With some members coming from situations as explosive and diverse as those of Berlin, South Africa and the Congo, we have shared a fully integrated fellowship and have shown in worship, meals and conversations the unity which is the Spirit's gift. This has not happened easily. It has grown out of pain and prayer as we have been led by the Spirit of Christ. The unity we have found here is a challenge to the disunity of which we are still so conscious in our churches and communities at home. As we have discovered the Holy Spirit to be the unifying vitality of our fellowship at Oslo and of our close comradeship within the Methodist churches of the world, we believe the same Holy Spirit to be our hope and unifying vitality across the barriers set up in the life of mankind by human sin.

Our Fellowship Across Political Barriers

We have rejoiced particularly in the presence within this conference of representatives from East Germany, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia and Yugoslavia. We have been moved to hear from them how the Gospel is joyfully and freely proclaimed by them in circumstances of special difficulty. Our thoughts have turned often to our fellow Methodists and

to other Christians in China, Eastern Europe and other isolated areas of the world. We believe they are being guided and refreshed by the Spirit of the Living God and we affirm our continuing unity with them in the faith of Christ. We are holding them in our prayers. The tragic circumstances in which so many millions of our fellowmen live as refugees rebukes the assumptions on which modern society is based, and stirs us to persistent prayer and action on their behalf.

We rejoice that in our time so many new nations are coming to independence and self-government. True freedom for every child of God is a consequence of the Christian understanding of man. As the Church insists on freedom for all, so the Church must insist that all free men and nations come under the judgment of God in the use of that freedom. The maturity of any nation must be judged by the safeguards and respect which it gives to its minorities.

The menace of war remains a threat to humanity's future, as it did when we met at Lake Junaluska five years ago. We remain convinced that "the fruit of the Spirit is peace" and we believe that God's blessing rests on the makers of peace and not on the makers of war. We remind our members of the constructive declarations of the Methodist Conferences on the subject of War and Peace, and commend these declarations to their study. We would dediate ourselves to heed the word God has already spoken to us, and then to practise the way of the peacemaker intelligently and obediently.

Our Fellowship Across Racial Barriers

Our world, torn by so many of the conflicts of sin, is in the arena of racial strife and suspicion. The dark power that animates our racial tensions is the power of fear. It can be removed only by the power of reconciling love. The "communion of the Holy Spirit" must mean for all men what it has meant for us here at Oslo—a fellowship in Christ that breaks down the dividing barriers of race. In the Methodist Church we seek to show to the world patterns of human relationships which are based on love and transcend all the divisions of colour, age and social casts.

The Methodist Conferences of the world stand for the elimination of discrimination and segregation. The proposition that every human being is entitled to his full place in society is based on the assurance that Christ died for him. This should carry with it a recognition of our responsibilities as Christian members of the community.

We assure all of our fellowship who are making a witness of reconciliation, in the face of dangerous tensions and threats to their security, of our joy in their faithfulness and a brotherly concern for them. We express our thankfulness that the Church has had its part in the advances in understanding and comradeship which have been made since this Council last met at Lake Junaluska in 1956.

Our Fellowship Within the Social Order

We shall seek in vain the invigorating power of the Holy Spirit if we are not prepared to be used by Him as the agents of God's redemptive will.

We confess that the Church has too often made the life we offer in the name of Christ to appear dull and unexciting. Especially has this seemed so to young people. We confront a world of confused moral standards. We do right to condemn the exploitation of sex and violence, for this exploitation brings misery and suffering to our fellows, and denies the image of God in man. We must, however, understand with compassionate sympathy the emptiness and boredom of those who try to live without the Spirit's guiding power. In love we must strive to bring to them the joy of life in the Spirit. The need for wise and faithful training in the Christian attitude to Sex and Marriage was stressed vigorously by our discussion groups.

We call our people to foster understanding and sympathy between nations and to strengthen the sense of a common purpose between the social classes within each nation. In fulfillment of our stewardship we must support, to the point of sacrifice, plans to raise the living standards of the poorer nations, not as a calculated move in a political power struggle, but as a Christian obligation within the family of God. We note that in many lands the gulf is wide between rich and poor, the "haves" and the "have-nots." Movements of deep social concern quite outside the organized Church challenge our discipleship. Our studies and discussions have recalled us to the place of Obedience in the daily life of the Christian; to the realisation that the liberty and security and grace of the spirit-filled life come to those who hear the Word of God and do it. They have recalled us also to the place of the worshipping and caring Church in the economy of God. We have sensed again the importance of the fellowship of the Holy Spirit as the environment in which individual man is enabled best to grow.

We refuse to identify Christianity with any economic system, but insist that every economic order is under the judgment of God and must be tested by the commands of the Christian gospel.

Our Fellowship Within the Church

Humanly speaking, the Church's main strength in the world lies in millions of dedicated laymen and women. We must ensure that Methodist lay members throughout the world have a faith they can express in word and in the conditions of everyday life. This calls for a new willingness to embark on Training, by and for both ministers and lay leaders, recalling the promise that the Spirit will lead us into all the Truth. As our Methodist fathers learned, we must ourselves learn the relevance to our daily life of the Bible and of Prayer; and must then take the insight and integrity of Christians to the place of decision and action—in factory and school, in home and Council chamber.

The needs and claims of Youth have been steadily in our thinking, not least by reason of the admirable contributions of the Youth delegations in this Conference. We believe that in many lands Methodist care for young people inside and outside its churches is faithful and attractive. None the less it is clear that much still remains to be done. Many of the children who are baptised in our churches and who begin in our schools drift from us; and many adult members of our congregations fail to recognise their opportunity and responsibility for the training and winning of the new generation. We would encourage an intensification of the efforts already made to share experience and resources among the Methodist Youth Departments of the world; and would set the service of Youth as one of the highest priorities in the work of Methodism in every land.

From its earliest days Methodism has been committed to the cause of Education. Progress in the development of national systems of Education the world over has changed but not diminished our responsibility in this field. In some countries a rapidly developing pattern of higher education is laying additional tasks upon us. The Conference still sees the cause of Education as a prime concern of the Church, and the provision of Christian teachers as one of its principal contributions to a nation's life.

Repeatedly we have been made aware that the Holy Spirit is pressing us towards closer relations with our fellow Christians. Although schemes of union have not been discussed by the Council, we affirm a deepening consciousness that Methodism is not an end in itself. In these very days, in which we have discovered again the wealth of our own theological inheritance we have simultaneously been aware that the Holy Spirit knows no frontiers, and is the heart both of our own comradeship within the Methodist Churches of the world and of the closer comradeship with the Churches represented in the World Council of Churches.

The Immediate Mission of the Church

The obligation to evangelise has been in our minds constantly. The first result of Pentecost was a loving concern for those outside the fellowship. At every level, and by every means, we regard the communication of the Gospel as the Methodist Church's most fundamental task.

The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel and to cross the boundary between belief and unbelief in the name of Jesus Christ.

In many places the environment is becoming hostile, and obstacles to evangelism increase. Non-Christians tend to suspect Western missionaries of bringing with them the elements of colonialism or dollar imperialism.

We must make prompt and bold appraisal of our missionary efforts. We rejoice in the developing partnership by which the younger churches are themselves contributing personnel to the cause, and be-

lieve this also should be accelerated. The surrender to newer churches of authority and responsibility for evangelisation of their peoples must be accelerated. More and more, the older churches, particularly those of Great Britain and the United States, should channel their work and aid through partnerships in ecumenical bodies.

Remembering the past and appraising the present, we look to the future. In spite of the difficulties which confront the Church in this decisive hour and the spiritual problems which resist solution, this is a day of opportunity. Let us in humble penitence and with immovable faith live the gospel we proclaim. The word for the Church is "forward." May it be sounded everywhere.

RECORD OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

OSLO, NORWAY

AUGUST 14-16, 1961

The opening session took place at Bethlehem Church. Bishop Odd Hagen welcomed the delegates and visitors. The President, Mrs. Scholz, led the service and gave her Presidential address, which follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First and foremost may I say a word of appreciation and respect for my predecessor, Mrs. Ottilia O. de Chaves, who so diligently and thoughtfully prepared the way for the World Federation of Methodist Women to become affiliated to the World Methodist Council. This realization of a vision of years ago, under the able leadership of pioneers like Mrs. Thomas Nicholsen and other courageous and devoted women, filled our hearts with hope and confidence for a more meaningful ecumenical relationship among Methodist women all over the world.

A quinquennium has passed since the World Federation of Methodist Women met last time in Lake Junaluska, N.C. at its Sixth Assembly. All of us who were present remember the memorable hour when the new order of the World Federation was born. This fact created a situation of greater possibility to advance toward the goal of a worldwide Methodist sisterhood. It increased our sense of responsibility, widened our scope, and furnished proof of our true and sincere love for all races.

In her message at Junaluska, N.C., Mrs. Chaves gave an excellent and careful statement of the past history of the World Federation of Methodist Women which should not be overlooked. Future generations will appreciate such records of these early years. What a precious and promising heritage has been left to us! Did we prove ourselves worthy of it as faithful stewards?

THE WIDER VIEW

It is the first time that the Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women is meeting in a country outside the United States. This event is significant for the new position and order of the World Federation as an affiliated body to the World Methodist Council, thus indicating more intensively our relationship to Methodist women of all races, classes, and nations.

The first step undertaken in the new term was to work out a system of communication between the units and the members of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Methodist Women. Regularly a quarterly letter was sent out by the President to all units; the Secretary mailed a detailed news letter once a year, and the Treasurer gave her accounts periodically. The Area Vice-Presidents informed their

units of the events within the area several times a year. This regular personal communication with all units was most helpful in cultivating the contacts one with another by giving the necessary information reciprocally about the activity of the World Federation in various countries. Apart from this a great number of personal letters have been written as far as time permitted. All this correspondence proved to be effective.

But not merely between the officers of the World Federation and the units were such contacts established; the members themselves also exchanged letters, programmes, and ideas.

The Continental Panorama

The Area Vice-President within the *North American Area* organized a fellowship by letters and visits among the eight units of Cuba, Mexico, the West Indies, and the United States. Languages were no barrier, for each correspondent used her native language.

The five units of the U.S.A. sent fraternal delegates to their various Woman's Society Assemblies. They exchanged views and problems, learned about new ways in home and foreign missions, discussed local and national questions as well as racial tensions, and shared in seeking a deepening of their personal spiritual lives at home, in the church, and in the community. Thus a feeling of equality and equivalence has been created, furthering the virtue, joy, and energy in the work and increasing the spirit of Christian love and understanding.

In Africa, Asia and Australia the units enjoyed the visiting of their Area Vice-Presidents, who travelled vast distances, spending much time and money at no small personal sacrifice to get acquainted with the units under their care.

The huge continent of Africa, extended over thousands of miles, is divided into two areas: the *North African Area* with three units and the *South African Area* with four units. News from some units in the Southern area is rather disturbing owing to the precarious and desperate political situation in the respective countries. Recent messages have simply been heart-rending, and the suffering of our fellow Christians drives us into earnest prayers of intercession.

Naturally, the normal life is strongly affected by these crises, and tremendous opposition is mounting up from outside. Though the members are torn by the ideology of the ruling powers, increasing nationalism, the demands of frustrated people and the demands of Christ, the women know that the Church is undivided. There may be many changes in the future, yet the opportunity for our church is greater than it ever has been. The women's work is one of the anchors and means of helpful understanding and blessing in these troublesome days.

A recent message from the Area Vice-President informs us of the pleasant news that the African Methodist women of the "Manyano" (Prayer Group) Movement decided to join the South African unit of

the World Federation of Methodist Women. This enlargement of the Unit in the Republic of South Africa was most welcome, and confidently they hope for a fruitful co-operation. In Southern Rhodesia the unit of the British Section is fully inter-racial.

The political situation in the *North African Area* is not quite as turbulent and provoking, except in Algeria. However, the women of the Northern units are well aware of the difficulties confronting their sisters in other parts of the continent: racial problems, fight for independence against foreign domination. Therefore they use their present opportunity and devote more time to the missionary enterprise and the status of women in the church and community, thus taking their place as recognized Christian leaders in various activities. Last year the Corresponding Secretary of Liberia was received into "full connexion" of the Liberian Annual Conference and ordained as the first female Elder of the Methodist Church in Liberia. The two "Mothers of the Year," selected by the "Liberian Women's Social and Political Movement," are Methodists. We are proud of the women who are deeply committed in their witness to Christ, but at the same time we realize the tremendous responsibility the wives of Christian political leaders are facing in the new independent states.

The *Asian Area* covers an immense part of the Far East from Korea in the north, farther south embracing the Philippines, Borneo, Sarawak, Sumatra, Malaya, and westward India and Ceylon. The Area Vice-President has been travelling widely on the Islands of the Philippines, her home country. Moreover she visited Korea, Taiwan and Malaya. In Korea she was the first foreign visitor ever invited to participate in the fellowship of their women's conference. Her contribution was highly appreciated and an encouragement to the women's efforts for the evangelization of their country.

Her visit to Malaya demonstrated the value of such interchange and the inspiration and enthusiasm that may be aroused by it. In her capacity as Area Vice-President she went to the First National Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Taiwan, where an inspiring fellowship was experienced. The meeting with Madame Chiang Kai Shek and her prayer group was most impressive. The Chinese Christian women, living far from their home land and often in divided families, set their hope upon Christ and Him only.

The *Area of Australia* is composed of three units: New Zealand, Australia, and the Pacific Islands. Australia has become an important factor in uniting the Methodist women all over the Continent. The ecumenical relationship through the World Federation of Methodist Women was strongly emphasized throughout Australasia by the Area Vice-President. Her sustained efforts in making the story of the World Federation widely known to the Methodist women of her area were gladly accepted with the promise "to make our own contribution to that worldwide fellowship in the Lord."

The interest of the Australian Methodist women concentrates not merely on Methodism, but they also shared in the activities of the National Council of Women, the Women's Inter-Church Council and other social religious organizations. A unique service is rendered and carried on for discharged women prisoners and those who have been victims of alcohol and other vices. This work is done by women for women in a devoted, altruistic way, reflecting the spirit of Christ on those lost and no longer recognized within human society. Much time is devoted to the immigration programme. Steady growth and development has been in the co-ordination on religious, educational and social questions on a national level, especially affecting women and children.

Foreign missionary work is done with enthusiasm and ability. An Order of Worship was compiled by the Publication Committee of Victoria for use in women's groups throughout Australasia in which the Younger Churches of Fiji, Tonga and Samoa joined. They all belong to the Australian unit. Recently Samoa expressed its desire "to affiliate with the great body of women, who all work together for the building of the Kingdom of God, through our Methodist Church." The President's quotation is true in many respects: "Australia is a significant power on the door-step of Asia." Together with New Zealand and the Pacific Islands her witness is like a shining light under the Southern Cross.

Unfortunately, the Area Vice-President of the *South American Area* was not able to do much visiting in her area, because of a long absence in the United States. However, she was in regular correspondence with the eight units of her area. Some of them are small in membership; the larger ones mount up to a few thousands. All units are comprised in the Confederation of Latin American Women which passed the following resolution: "It was considered of great importance that the evangelical citizens participate in politics, thus contributing to national welfare and social justice." For the next quadrennium the women plan to try to create a favourable opinion to the women's vote in those countries where it doesn't exist. There is a vivid interest in the United Nations and its achievements. The women's societies of Peru for instance maintain five delegates to the Peruvian Committee of Collaboration with the United Nations, and one of the directors is a member of the Methodist Women's Federation.

Nevertheless, home and foreign missionary work is not neglected and a number of projects are carried on with fervent zeal and devotion for the cause of Christ. New women's groups are being formed in the units and their work is a vivid sign of the progress of the Methodist women in this continent.

The *Area of the United Kingdom* does not cover a wide territory, but it is an area with a strong Methodist Church. Its women's work is of the same characteristic nature. Three years ago the "Women's Work" (foreign missionary movement) celebrated its hundredth birthday with

great attractive charm. The British Methodist women are hard workers with a vision. The past century gave evidence of their effectiveness in Overseas missions. Today likewise they are facing and accomplishing their task at home and abroad. With the challenging statement: "So much need for witness, so few to hear that witness" they inspired the women for a more intensive readiness to be used in the campaign for Christ.

The Women's Fellowship (Home Missions) reports a growing increase in Young Wives' Groups. The Area Vice-President tried to spread knowledge of the World Federation's existence and work all over the country. Articles have been written on the World Federation of Methodist Women to good effect, and the efforts to give publicity to it were not in vain. The result was the affiliation of Ireland as a new unit.

The *Area of Europe* includes eight units with not very strong churches in membership, but comparatively active ones. Each unit has its own more or less difficult problems and work under various circumstances. Some of these units are in so-called Catholic countries; in others the Lutheran and Reformed Church is predominant, while the Free Churches are a minority. Consequently, the women's work is a relatively small one. Notwithstanding these conditions, the women are very missionary minded and all of them have a number of missionaries in foreign fields.

Status of women in church and society is widely discussed in women's groups and at conferences. Most of them are convinced that the steps undertaken are but the beginning of the road we have to tread. With perseverance and steadiness, with consideration and wise judgment, the Methodist woman will find her place of service in the local church and in the society. Three women ministers have been ordained in the past four years in different units: a joyous fact for those who see the open doors in our church and are ready for this new responsibility.

Among the main functions of the World Federation of Methodist Women another type of interchange between national units has been accomplished among the Philippines, Malaya, Austria, Ceylon, and Germany. The Philippines have sent a very capable doctor to Malaya; the women of Malaya have sent gifts to the women of Austria to help in supporting their refugee project, while the Austrian women sustained the Methodist school work in Malaya with their contributions. Ceylon has sent a missionary teacher to Kenya. German women sent a gift to the Methodists in Ceylon, to promote evangelistic work in the country and help with retreats for church workers. Other gifts were designated for house building and roof repair of those homes damaged or destroyed by the floods. But this was not merely a material exchange, it also means a growing understanding and interest in the spiritual need of other races and countries. It is the nobleness of a Christian mind shown in sentiment and deed that reaches beyond national boundaries.

And so we could continue to speak of the manifold deeds among the units which give evidence of true ecumenical relationship and a togetherness in the spirit of Christ. But time does not permit it. Detailed reports of the Area Vice-Presidents and delegates will be presented and published in the new Handbook of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

At the end of the last quadrennium 1956 the World Federation of Methodist Women comprised 41 units. Meanwhile in the quinquennium of 1956-1961 eleven new units asked for affiliation to the World Federation of Methodist Women. They joined us in the following order of succession:

Free Methodist Church U.S.A.	1957
Methodist Church Yugoslavia	1958
Methodist Church Nigeria	1958
Methodist Church Ceylon	1959
Methodist Churches Hong Kong	1959
Methodist Church Southern Rhodesia (British section)	1960
United Church of Canada	1960
Methodist Church in Ireland	1960
Methodist Church in Portugal	1961
Methodist Church Gambia	1961
Methodist Church Ghana	1961

The Methodist women of Hong Kong have set a unique example of a new type of unit, which we hope will be a forerunner of others under similar circumstances. The three Methodist Church organizations in Hong Kong—The Chinese Methodist Church, The English Methodist Church, and The Mandarin speaking Methodist Church (Wai Lei Kung Woo)—wherein three Synods and three languages are involved, have formed the first Joint Committee of Methodist Women and resolved an application to be made for becoming a member unit of the World Federation of Methodist Women. This was granted with enthusiasm. All eleven units received a letter of cordial welcome by the president. Thus the World Federation numbers 52 units in 47 Countries with approximately 6,000,000 members. These glad tidings of the growing of our Federation was highly appreciated and is regarded as one of the highlights of the past quinquennium.

Future Prospects

Our decade is in the midst of a rapid change. This truth affects the social and economic sphere, the political realm, the family and personal life. Likewise our mental attitude is bound to the events of the world in which we live. Some people may be indifferent toward the influence of international and political tendencies, others become bewildered and even lost in the present crisis. They feel as if they were living in a labyrinth where every way out seems blocked or leading into deeper confusion. They are desperately disappointed and believe that there is no alternative to this chaos. That is the world situation of today in

which most people are trapped, including many Christians. In spite of a vivid union of interests they feel inwardly isolated. Yet there is a way out of the dilemma. A Christian has the privilege of seeing amidst turmoil and need a special, individual task: he must be the conscience of the society in which he is living; he is a representative of the Christian Church, yea, of Christ himself. "So we are ambassadors of Christ," says Paul. This is our obligation which we should never forget. Everything we are doing must appear in this aspect, whether it is correspondence or exchange of visits, literature, other information, or any helpful support.

Theories may be good, but they are worthless without being put into practice. In our own unit we should lay greater emphasis on the spiritual development of our lives and on prayer. Organizing meetings with regional conversations will cultivate a better understanding. Cooperation in a fraternal spirit will widen our horizon and help to overcome the difficulties of racial problems. It will create a more meaningful significance for the cause of Christ. If we really feel love and sympathy for the welfare and well-being of our sisters in lands far away, we shall be willing to share anything that will encourage them in their distress and despondency. What the units need is inspiration and strengthening of fellowship and friendly relations. All these are stimulating factors in our work.

To my deep regret I cannot hold back the fact that in spite of our endeavours we did not succceed in obtaining the Consultative Status for our organization at the United Nations. Yet in spite of this failure, I trust that the time will come when the requested status will be granted to us.

All of you who attended the Assembly at Junaluska, N.C., will remember that my election to this office in the World Federation was completely against my wish and will, for I knew my inadequacy in every respect. However, the urging of the members of the committee finally persuaded me to follow their request, trusting their promise to help and assist me in every possible way. And I am happy to confess that they kept their word. Though the quinquennium was filled with demands and requirements, sometimes involving great strain, it was also full of joy and inspiration, having fellowship with a world-wide sisterhood of Methodist women. Words may fail to express the true feeling of my heart when trying to assure you of my sincere gratitude and high esteem for the loyalty of my co-workers in the Executive Committee, especially those who have served the Federation for many years. They encouraged and sustained me with their rich experience and devotion in our common cause. May God bless them abundantly and prosper the development of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Finally, at the end of my term of office in the World Federation, let me close with a word of great encouragement, hoping it may give to each one of us an uplift and fresh vision for the new determination to

live our lives in this world of tension, fear, and oppression. It is as Jesus said: ". . . in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Facing the task ahead of us, we are aware of our great responsibility and tremendous opportunity. May we bear a more courageous and convincing witness in a world that is longing for comfort, peace and goodwill. Let us become worthy to meet the challenge of our days "to know Christ and to make Him known."

LUISE E. SCHOLZ

During the session representatives from other churches were welcomed and brought the greetings of their churches. These were the Lutheran Church, the Salvation Army, the Norwegian Covenant Church, and the Pentacostal Church Filadelfia.

Dr. E. Benson Perkins gave the blessing.

On Tuesday, August 15, the first session of devotions and Bible Study was led by Dr. Dorothy Farrar.

The business session was called to order by the President at 10:45 A.M. In the absence of Mrs. Paul Arrington, the Vice President, Mrs. T. Otto Nall was appointed to take her place during the Assembly.

New units were welcomed and delegates of all units introduced, as follows:

Algeria—Mrs. Paul Bres
Angola—
Argentina—Mrs. O. de Barbieri
Austria—Mrs. Wilma Mayr
Australia—Mrs. H. H. Trigg, Mrs. A. W. Pendrick
Belgium—Mrs. S. Dehareng
Bolivia—Mrs. M. Salazar
Brazil—Mrs. O. de Chaves
Burma—
Canada—Mrs. J. Y. MacKinnon, Mrs. V. G. Dawson
Ceylon—Mrs. T. de Silva
Chile—
Congo—Mrs. E. Luhahi
Costa Rica—Miss Mary Miller
Denmark—Mrs. M. Askholm
Finland—Mrs. M. Svenson
Gambia—
Germany—Mrs. T. Pratsch
Ghana—
Great Britain—Sister Margaret Statham
Hong Kong—Mrs. Y. O. Lee
India—Miss Chanda Christdas
Ireland—Mrs. F. M. Anderson
Korea—Mrs. Kim
Liberia—Mrs. M. Weekes
Malaya—Mrs. R. O. Daniel
Mexico—Mrs. E. de Silva
Mozambique—Mrs. P. Knutsen
New Zealand—Mrs. R. Dudley
Nigeria—Mrs. F. I. Fowode
Norway—Mrs. A. Gundersen
Panama—
Peru—Miss E. True
Philippines—Miss S. Lara
Portugal—Mrs. A. D. Aspey
Republic of China—Miss F. Chen
Sarawak—Miss C. Heung
Southern Rhodesia (non-episcopal)—Mrs. E. Musa
Southern Rhodesia (episcopal)—Miss E. Erikson
South Africa—Mrs. H. Stephenson
Sumatra—
Sweden—Sister M. Sundling
Switzerland—Miss L. Wehrli
U.S.A.
The Methodist Church—Mrs. W. L. Perryman, Mrs. A. B. Pfeiffer, Mrs. J. F. Tillman, Miss Dorothy McConnell
A.M.E.—Mrs. A. E. Heath
A.M.E. Zion—Mrs. C. P. Jackson
C.M.E.—Mrs. E. W. F. Harris
Free Methodist—
Uruguay—Mrs. V. Frisch
West Indies—
Yugoslavia—

The minutes of the last Assembly were formally approved. Miss Muriel Stennett, Secretary, was appointed Parliamentarian. Mrs. Bres, Mrs. Musa, Mrs. Barbieri, Mrs. Pedrick, Mrs. Jackson, and Miss Miller, together with the members of the Executive Committee were appointed as Nominations Committee and to deal with other matters in preparation for full Assembly business later.

The reports of the Vice President and Secretary were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report gave the following statement of accounts at June 30, 1961:

RECEIPTS

Total receipts for the 5-year period	$28,120.81
Balance carried forward September, 1956	4,184.77
	$32,305.58

EXPENDITURES

Total to June 30, 1961	$ 8,528.77
Balance in hand June 30, 1961	23,776.81
	$32,305.58

A balance in hand of approximately $5,000 was expected when all bills for the present Assembly had been met.

Letters of greeting were received from Mrs. Nicholson, first President of the former World Federation of Women of the American Church, from Mrs. Masland, a former Treasurer, and from the Latin Confederation, the Indian Unit, the Philadelphia Conference in U.S.A., and the United Church of Christ in Japan.

It was agreed that a cabled message be sent to Mrs. Arrington and suitable replies be made to greetings.

The President welcomed the delegates from newly admitted units, and in reply Mrs. Fowode (Nigeria) spoke of the eagerness with which the Women's Fellowship in her country accepted the invitation to become part of a world movement of this kind and her hope that they would be able to play their part, as they sought to do in church life at home. Miss Foster of Gambia brought greetings from the small church there. Mrs. de Silva brought greetings from the women of all races in Ceylon, who welcomed this means of joining with their sisters around the world as members of the church. Mrs. Lee brought news of the unique unit in Hong Kong, where members of the hundred-year old Cantonese-speaking Methodist Church, the long-established English-speaking Church, and the young Mandarin-speaking Church are come together to make one unit. Mrs. Musa from Southern Rhodesia wished she had a loud voice to speak from a mountain top and tell all her people of the fellowship she had seen. From Canada, Mrs. MacKinnon spoke of the plans to combine all women's activities in their United Church under one headquarters and asked for the prayers of fellow members that they may be rightly guided. Mrs. Anderson spoke of the missionary mindedness of the Church in Ireland, which covers both Eire

and Northern Ireland. From Portugal, Mrs. Aspey gave the greetings of a minority church where women were playing their part—probably the only one anywhere with a woman secretary of Synod. In the absence of a representative from Ghana, the secretary spoke of the strong and effective Women's Fellowship in that church which became an autonomous Conference earlier this month.

One fraternal delegate was present—Mrs. Takae Sacon from Japan. She brought greetings of the Christian women there. In Japan, she told us, Christianity is a western religion and because of war time happenings, the gospel is not readily received. "We are a small group living and preaching," she said, "and the text 'cast your bread upon the waters' is a comfort to us. We know that some day His Kingdom will come as dawn breaks in the morning."

News of absent units was given to the Assembly by Mrs. Brooks, who had visited some while traveling, and by Mrs. Pratsch, and the Assembly spent a moment of silent remembrance of these members.

The meeting closed with prayer.

On Wednesday, August 16th, the first session was again devotional and led by Dr. Dorothy Farrar.

At the business session which followed a Finance Committee was appointed to study the Budget for the next quinquennium. The members were Mrs. Scholz, Miss Gibson, Miss Chen, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. MacKinnon, and Miss Miller.

A Courtesy Committee was named, members being Mrs. Heath and Miss de Silva.

The following changes in the constitution and by-laws were agreed (references are to pp. 8-11 in the World Federation of Methodist Women Handbook):

Constitution—Clause IV. Membership. Add: "Any officially organized group of women in a united church of which former Methodists are a part may apply for membership in the same way."

Clause V. Officers. The first sentence amended to read: "There shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary; and Area Presidents and Vice Presidents as shall be from time to time determined."

By-Laws. Art. I. Elections. Add "Section 3. Any vacancy occurring between Assembly meetings shall be filled by decision of the Executive Committee. In the case of area officials, this shall be done in consultation with the units of the area."

Art. II. Duties of Officers. Section 5. for Area Vice President read Area President. Add: If it is considered necessarry in a large area a Vice President shall be elected. She shall assist the Area President and cooperate in all planning and in the presentation of the work of the World Federation within that area.

Art. III. Official Correspondents. First two sentences to read: "There shall be one or more official correspondents for each unit. Each

one shall be selected by the unit or its representatives and shall serve for the total period between the General Assemblies of the Federation."

Art. IV. The Federation Assembly. Section 3. "Officially organized groups in United Churches who are not members of the Federation may send fraternal delegates."

Minor verbal amendments to bring other sentences in the By-Laws into line with these changes were also agreed.

Dr. Dorothy Farrar, Vice President for United Kingdom, gave her report. Mrs. Haley, Vice President for the South African Area, gave her report, and Mrs. Seth Mokitimi spoke for the African women's section (Manyano) and Mrs. Enid Fourie for the Coloured women (Women's Association).

After the luncheon interval the Finance Committee presented the following resolutions which were formally approved:

1. Resolved that Henrietta Gibson, Treasurer of the World Federation of Methodist Women, be authorized to open a letter of Credit-Dollar account with the Christiania Bank of KreditKasse. All cheques drawn against it to be negotiated not later than September 15, 1961.

2. Resolved that if any unit wishes to help other units in matters concerning the Federation Assembly, such funds to be handled through the treasury of the World Federation.

It was suggested that each unit should consider starting as soon as possible to raise a fund to make possible the sending of a delegate to the next Assembly.

The estimate of expenditures for the next quinquennium was presented as follows, and approved:

Expenses of World President	$ 500.00
Expenses of Vice President	100.00
Expenses of Secretary	250.00
Expenses of Treasurer	100.00
Expenses of Area Officers	4,000.00

Together with Reserve and Emergency, a total of $7,650.00 should be provided for. The cost of producing the Handbook is expected to be fully met by sales.

The Oslo Assembly having been referred to as the Sixth and also as the Second, the Executive Committee desired that the matter be decided by vote. Reference to records showed that in response to the World Methodist Council's invitation to become an affiliated organization, a new constitution was adopted at Junaluska. This constitution inaugurated a new Federation independent of the Methodist Church of U.S.A. and therefore open to other Methodist churches in that country and non-episcopal Methodist churches throughout the world. The vote of the Assembly, in the light of this information was in favor of the Oslo Assembly being recognized as the Second. In making this decision the Assembly was desirous that a clear expression be made of their

gratitude for and indebtedness to the Methodist Church of U.S.A. for the lead given and the traditions inherited from the former W.F.M.W.

The following changes in presidential areas were agreed:

Africa —The North African units to be part of the European Area (as in Church government).

America—1. North America is comprised of English-speaking units including the West Indies.

2. Latin America to include those units which belong to the Latin American Confederation of Methodist Women.

(some unrepresented units to be consulted concerning their desire in this matter.)

Asia —to be divided into two presidential areas:

1. West Africa—comprising India, Burma, Ceylon and adjacent countries.

2. East Asia—comprising the Philippines, Korea, Sarawak, etc.

The names of World Officers and of Area Presidents and Vice Presidents sent forward by the Nominations Committee were presented. There being no further nominations from the Assembly, the following were unanimously elected:

President—Mrs. R. J. Latham
Vice President—Dr. Dorothy H. Farrar
Secretary—Mrs. T. Otto Nall
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Y. MacKinnon

Area Presidents and Vice Presidents:

Africa (East and South)—President: Mrs. H. Stephenson
Africa (West)—President: Mrs. F. I. Fowode
America (North)—President: Mrs. C. P. Jackson, *Vice Pres.:* Mrs. A. B. Pfeiffer
America (Latin)—President: Mrs. O. Barbieri, *Vice Pres.:* Mrs. J. Beckles
Asia (East)—President: Miss Florence Chen
Asia (West)—President: Miss Chanda Christdas
Australasia—President: Mrs. G. A. Trigge, *Vice Pres.:* Mrs. W. Dudley
Europa—President: Miss L. Wehrli, *Vice Pres.:* Mrs. A. Gundersen
United Kingdom—President: Mrs. F. H. Anderson

Further Area Vice Presidents' reports for the past quinquennium were given by Mrs. Otto Nall (North America), Mrs. Araya (South America), Mrs. Valencia (Asia), Mrs. Latham (Australasia), Mrs. Nyquist (Europe), and Miss Berry (West Africa).

After a musical interlude the six chosen speakers delivered their papers on the subject "Jesus Christ a Significant Power": Mrs. C. P. Jackson, Mrs. N. Salazar, Mrs. H. H. Trigge, Mrs. F. I. Fowode, Miss Carol Heung, Miss L. Wehrli.

The courtesies were presented by Mrs. de Silva.

The session closed with hymn and prayer.

At a service at 7:30 P.M. the newly elected officers were inducted, and a communion service was conducted by Dr. Harold Roberts, President of the World Methodist Council.

A reception for all members and visitors at the Assembly was held at Immanuel Church before the opening session, with the women of the Norwegian Unit acting as hostesses.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 15th, members attended a dramatic presentation, "A World Wide Fellowship," depicting the story of W.F.M.W. at the Samfundshuset.

Full reports of speeches and addresses, together with the revised constitution and other relevant information will be found in the new World Federation of Methodist Women Handbook to be published shortly.

MURIEL STENNETT, *Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

Oslo, Norway

AUGUST 16, 1961

The World Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council met in the Forbundshallen at 2:30 P.M. on August 16, 1961. Among the visitors present were Dr. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, Dr. Harry Denman, and Rev. Reginald Kissack. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Past President, led in prayer. Apologies were made for the absence of the following members: Mr. L. A. Ellwood, Bishop S. L. Greene, Prof. Thomas E. Jessop, Dr. R. B. Lew, Dr. Ernest E. Long, Dr. M. A. McDowell, Dr. James S. Mather, Mr. Ray Nichols, Dr. Walter J. Noble, Dr. A. Harold Wood, and Dr. Oscar T. Olson.

Mr. Ragnar Horn, Chairman of the Oslo Committee on Arrangements, made announcements regarding the appearance of the King of Norway at the opening session on August 17 and the reception to be given by the Mayor of Oslo. He also asked that news notes be handed in for the daily Conference bulletin. Dr. Ankers Nilsen made a statement about plans for the processional at the Ecumenical meeting. Bishop Odd Hagen welcomed the group to Oslo, and recognized the outstanding work done by Mr. Horn and others in preparation for the Conference.

The Secretaries Reports were not given at the Executive meeting since they must be delivered before the Council on August 17.

The appointment of new officers, as prepared by the Executive Committee at its last meeting, were read, and Dr. Perkins asked that he be listed as Associate Secretary and Elmer T. Clark as Editorial Secretary so there would be no misunderstanding. Bishop Corson moved that a committee be appointed by the President to study and set forth the duties and responsibilities of the Secretaries. Dr. Perkins seconded and the motion was adopted.

Wilfred Wade presented the proposed constitution as prepared by the sub-committee. After discussion by various persons, the following changes in the proposal were adopted:

1. *Section II.* "association" to be substituted for "federation."
2. *Section. III.* last sentence changed to read: "Union Churches are eligible to apply for fraternal relations or for a full place within the Council."
3. *Section V.* meeting time of the Council changed to read "at least once in each five-year period" instead of four.
4. *Section VI.* delete following from the sentence third from the end: "and preferably at places where the Council or Conference is not expected to meet." Add to last sentence: "and meetings of its sub-committees."

5. *Section VII.* "Congress" changed to "Conference." And in first sentence change "eight" to "ten", making last part of sentence read "at least once in each ten year period."

Rupert Davies presented a request from Philip Potter to add some doctrinal statement to the Constitution. After considerable discussion, Wilfred Wade moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Council that in the next period before a Council assembles, the Executive should be asked to examine the suggestion made by Potter and make recommendations in the light of it. Hugh Sherlock seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Perkins presented a communication concerning the extension of the missionary work of the A.M.E. Church in the Bahama Islands. After discussion by several persons, this matter was referred to Mr. Charles Parlin, who was asked to confer with all parties concerned and assist in making any necessary adjustments.

The lateness of the hour made it necessary to adjourn the meeting of the Executive, leaving two or three small matters of business to be dealt with by the Council itself on the following day.

HAROLD ROBERTS, *President*
E. BENSON PERKINS and
ELMER T. CLARK, *Secretaries*

MINUTES WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

OSLO, NORWAY

AUGUST 17, 1961

The World Methodist Council met at the Forbundshallen in Oslo, Norway, at 2:30 P.M. on August 17, 1961. The President, Dr. Harold Roberts, presided. Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, President of the British Conference, led in prayer.

Mr. Ragnar Horn, Chairman of the Oslo Committee on Arrangements, made an announcement concerning the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

DECEASED MEMBERS

A statement was made concerning the deaths of Mr. J. J. Perkins, Mr. J. E. Wilkins, Bishop William T. Watkins, of the United States; Dr. W. E. Sangster of Great Britain; Sir Frederick Stewart of Australia; and the Rev. R. Ernest Ker of Ireland. By vote the Secretaries were instructed to send suitable messages to the families of these persons.

Similar notice was taken of the death of Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt in Brussels, Belgium, while returning from the meeting of the World Executive Committee at Freudenstadt, Germany; Mrs. Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.; and Bishop B. Foster Stockwell of Lima, Peru.

Reference was similarly made to the critical illness of Mrs. S. L. Greene, wife of one of the Vice Presidents of the World Methodist Council, and Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson, another Vice President.

Reception by the King of Norway

Announcement was made of the fact that His Majesty, the King of Norway had received the President, the Secretaries, the President-Designate, and certain other persons attending the World Methodist Conference. The King presented to Mr. Ragnar Horn and the Rev. Anker Nilsen gold medals reserved for Norwegian citizens only. By vote the Council extended congratulations to these two recipients of the honor.

Resolution and Constitution

Dr. E. Benson Perkins presented a resolution to the effect that any decision of the Council concerning the reports of the two Secretaries should be referred to them for adjustment before the reports are prepared for printing in the volume of *Proceedings*. The resolution was adopted.

The report of the sub-committee on Closer Union of World Methodism, presenting amendments to the present Constitution, was submitted by Mr. Charles Parlin and the Rev. Wilfred Wade, and was discussed at length by various persons. A suggestion concerning the insertion of a doctrinal statement in the Constitution was referred to the new World Executive Committee later to be appointed for study and report. After certain amendments, the Constitution was adopted without dissenting voice, the vote being ninety-eight in favor of and none against. The Constitution thus adopted appears on page ——.

The Council adjourned to meet on Monday, August 21, at 4 P.M.

Harold Roberts, *President*
E. Benson Perkins and
Elmer T. Clark, *Secretaries*

AUGUST 21, 1961

The World Methodist Council met at Filadelfia Hall in Oslo, Norway, at 4 P.M. on August 21, 1961.

Report of Secretary Resident in America

Elmer T. Clark, Secretary resident in America, presented his report, stating that it contained certain recommendations which had been unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee of Section XIII. The report follows:

Since the meeting of the World Methodist Conference in 1956, there have been some progressive developments of the work in the Western Hemisphere. The members have been regularly informed through our little bulletin, *World Parish,* and no lengthy review is needed here.

The World Methodist Council enjoys the full support of The Methodist Church, U.S.A., which has provided an increased financial appropriation for its support. The World Methodist Building at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, headquarters in the Western Hemisphere, has been enlarged by the addition of new offices, a reading room, and ample storage space; this fine property is now worth $100,000, without indebtedness, and has one of the world's finest Wesleyana collections, which cannot be valued in financial terms. This building is visited annually by multiplied thousands of Methodists from all parts of the United States. We are also expecting to establish an office in the Interchurch Center in New York City.

We are planning, and our committee has approved, an enlarged program of work, elements of which will be mentioned elsewhere in this report. We expect to set up a more adequate press service which will release news to the church papers in cooperation with Methodist Information, and we will adopt a policy of visitation and send our representatives to annual conference and other meetings for purposes of cultivation. Our literary work will also be increased. We hope to have a biennial Conference of the members in the Western Hemisphere.

Bereavement

Since our last meeting we have lost by death Bishop William T. Watkins, Mr. Joseph J. Perkins, and Mr. J. E. Wilkins, all members of the World Methodist Council from the United States. Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt passed away in Brussels while returning from a meeting of the World Executive Committee at Freudenstadt, Germany. We are also bereaved in the passing of Sir Frederick Stewart in Australia and Dr. W. E. Sangster of Great Britain; while these were not in our Section, we claimed them as our own.

Proposed New Constitution

For three years we have been discussing "The Closer Union of World Methodism". At Zurich last year a committee was set up which has recommended the adoption of a new Constitution and has presented a draft. The present and the proposed Constitutions have been printed in parallel columns and will be submitted for discussion and action.

The Executive Committee of Section XIII has by unanimous vote approved the proposed Constitution in principle, but adopted resolutions as follows:

1. The name Council should be retained instead of the proposed Federation. The organization is not and cannot be a Federation without enabling legislation on the part of all the member churches.

It is actually and has always been a Council, existing for purposes of consultation and claiming no other powers.

2. The name Conference should be retained instead of the proposed Congress. Conference is the historic term adopted by Wesley and used by all Methodists throughout the world, while Congress is an unknown term among us.

Section XIII therefore favors the adoption of the proposed Constitution, but the retention of the two historic titles.

Members of the Council

The proposed Constitution eliminates the Sections and provides that the members of the Council shall be nominated directly by the churches. The *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, U.S.A., provides that its representatives shall be nominated by the Bishops. On the assumption that the new Constitution will be adopted, we have secured nominations from The Methodist Church, U.S.A., and its overseas Conferences, Central Conferences, and Affiliated Autonomous Churches. These are submitted herewith for election, with the understanding that if the present form of organization is retained they will be rearranged into Sections. We submit also our nominations for officers and members of the Executive Committees.

Other Methodist Bodies

Nominations of members representing other member churches in the Western Hemisphere have been received and are submitted herewith.

Administrative Work

The Standing Committees have been practically inoperative so far as the United States is concerned. The exchange program has been carried on by one of the Bishops who was a member of the committee.

As a part of our enlarged policy we are making all activities parts of the regular administrative operations, directed by the Secretaries from our headquarters. This will unify procedure and provide a business-like program carried on by the executives of the organization, as in all other bodies.

This does not mean that the services of other experienced and qualified persons will not be utilized, for certain of our Bishops, Secretaries of General Boards, and others who are experts in and related to various phases of the work will be called upon and in some cases will bear major responsibility. But our own executives will be the directors.

Evangelism and Oxford Institute

Among the activities above mentioned are the World Conferences on Evangelism, launched by the chairman of our Committee on Evangelism

and adopted as a part of our program by the World Executive Committee at Zurich in 1960. They are to be in 1963 and will commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley. One will be at Oxford in England, one at Savannah, Georgia, both important historical places in the life of Wesley, and at other centers in several nations.

Another is the Methodist Theological Institute at Oxford, England, held in 1958. It was at first proposed to hold another in 1960, but circumstances were not favorable. The Institute will be held in 1962. The World Executive Committee should meet at about the same time, thus enabling committee members to attend all the meetings without much additional travel and expense. The Executive Committee of Section XIII approved this and recommends its adoption by the Council.

World Confessional Meeting

Joint meetings of the officers of all the World Confessional Councils have been meeting at Geneva, Switzerland, biennially and have been most useful in drawing the Protestant forces together, exchanging information on programs, and developing fraternal relations. The World Methodist Council has been represented, as have the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, Baptist World Alliance, Presbyterian World Alliance, Friends World Committee, Pentecostal World Conference, World Convention of the Disciples of Christ, International Congregational Council, Anglican bodies, and others. A meeting was scheduled to be held in April, 1961, but because of the crowded schedule due to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, India, the Geneva committee has deferred the meeting until April 3-4, 1962.

The Eleventh Conference

The Board of Trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly has invited the World Methodist Council or Conference to hold its next meeting on the Assembly grounds. The Executive Committee of Section XIII has endorsed this invitation. Under the new Constitution this will be in 1966. The Ninth World Conference at Lake Junaluska in 1956 was the largest ever held and the place is without the distractions that are found in large cities. Furthermore, because it is owned by the Church we can offer financial advantages there that would be impossible at any other place. For example, in 1956 we provided entertainment for all the foreign members and delegates, and I am authorized by the Treasurer to say that this will be true again. This could not possibly be done elsewhere.

Conclusion

The World Methodist Council is now eighty years old. For sixty years it had no real organization, and its only function was to arrange decennial meetings for purposes of fellowship. At Oxford ten years ago

the present name was adopted, the interim between meetings was changed from ten to five years, one President was elected, a Secretariat was set up with headquarters in the United Kingdom and the United States, and the whole present organization was formed. Since that date the growth and influence of the Council has steadily increased everywhere and we are convinced that this will continue and that the body will be the instrument through which the Methodists will become "one people in all the world."

Respectfully submitted,
ELMER T. CLARK, *Secretary*

Report of Secretary Resident in Great Britain

Dr. E. Benson Perkins, Secretary resident in Great Britain, presented his report as follows:

The Eastern Hemisphere, which, apart from Eastern Asia is the area associated with the responsibility of the Secretary resident in Great Britain, contains a much smaller membership of the Methodist Church than in the Western Hemisphere, but it is distributed over a wider area in four continents. The Constitution inaugurated in Oxford in 1951 and confirmed at the Lake Junaluska Conference in 1956, with its permanent Secretariat, has made possible definite progress, even in so large and difficult an area, and particularly during the last five years.

The unity of Methodism throughout the whole world has found expression year by year in the meetings of the World Executive—in London in 1957, in Freudenstadt, Germany in 1958, in St. Simon's Island, Georgia, U.S.A. in 1959, and in Zurich, Switzerland in 1960. After America, the largest Section of World Methodism is in Great Britain and the British members of the World Methodist Council (comprising Section IX) with representatives of Section X (Ireland) and Section XI (Wesleyan Reform Union) have been convened twice each year in November and May. In association with these meetings the Secretary has kept in regular correspondence with the Sections of the Council in Continental Europe, in Africa, Australia, New Zealand and, as opportunity offered, in India and Ceylon. This correspondence, together with the personal contacts from time to time have made possible the increasingly strong links between the scattered centres of World Methodism in this Eastern Hemisphere.

Regional and Other Conferences

Conferences of representatives covering the whole world are only possible with long intervals between. If there is to be a more intimate and more frequent association it must be through Regional Conferences and these were urged by the Junaluska World Conference in 1956. The European Regional Conference had been established before 1956 and

has met with striking success. The more recent Conferences at Stockholm, Sweden in 1957, and in Bristol, England in 1959, demonstrated the deepening unity and the real fellowship which overcame all differences of organisational arrangement, language and cultural life. To the great enrichment of Methodist life there was a real fellowship established between the Methodists in the different European countries.

A beginning under much more difficult conditions was made with the assembly of a multi-racial Regional Conference at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia early in 1959. This brought together, for the first time, representatives from the different Methodist units in South Africa, Southern and Northern Rhodesia, Mozambique and Angola. Committees were established with a view to calling a further Conference as soon as conditions made it possible, which would represent substantially, the Methodism in Southern Africa, south of the Equator, thus including Methodist Churches in the Congo and in Kenya. This Southern African Conference definitely expressed a clear Methodist judgment on basic human rights, the fundamental equality of citizens irrespective of race or colour, and an educational policy from primary school to University freely open to all races.

A European Methodist Youth Conference was convened with conspicuous success in Stuttgart in 1960 and a second such Youth Conference is planned to be held in London early in 1963.

The Theological contribution of World Methodism was represented at a Theological Institute at Lincoln College, Oxford in 1958. A second such Conference is already planned by the Joint committee to be held in 1962, also in Lincoln College, notable as having John Wesley as its most distinguished Fellow.

A small Educational Conference was held at Kingswood School, Bristol, England, in 1957.

Methodist participation in the World Council of Churches was demonstrated by the bringing together at a Conference in Geneva of the varied World Confessional Organisations in 1957. This was due to Methodist initiative and a second such Conference was held in 1959 with the possibility of others every second or third year. This Conference made clear the place which World Denominational Organisations, like the World Methodist Council, can and should take in the larger Ecumenicity of the World Council of Churches.

Methodist Historic Shrines

Other decisions of the Junaluska Conference of 1956 were directed to the preservation of the buildings and sites belonging to the beginning of Methodism. The Old Rectory at Epworth built by the father of John and Charles Wesley in 1709, has now become the property of the World Methodist Council. It was re-opened after restoration and furnishing at an impressive assembly in 1957. Most generous gifts from British and American Methodism made this possible. In recent years the annual

number of visitors runs into several thousands. Overnight guests can be accommodated in the Old Rectory which also serves for small Retreats and Conferences.

The Boyhood Home of Bishop Francis Asbury has been registered as a Historic Building in the possession of the West Bromwich County Borough Council. In co-operation with the World Methodist Council it has been permanently restored and partly furnished with period furniture of the 18th Century. It was reopened at a memorable ceremony in the autumn of 1959.

War damage and replanning in Central London is altering entirely the Aldersgate Street area, so intimately connected with the great experience of John Wesley. Arrangements have been made with the London City Council to mark the spot of that experience as closely as possible by a new and appropriate tablet, as soon as the new buildings make it possible.

John Wesley's Statue

The oldest Methodist Chapel in the world situated in Bristol was enriched some years ago by a beautiful bronze equestrian statue of John Wesley placed in the forecourt. By the generosity of Lord Rank and after much preliminary work on matters such as the copyright, a duplicate of this statue now stands on the Campus of the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington. Thus an identical statue of our great founder is found in the two primary centres—Great Britain and the U.S.A.—from which the whole of World Methodism has derived.

General Administration

A responsibility of the Secretary in Great Britain is that of co-ordinating work made possible through the association of others in a particularly effective team. The valuable arrangement of Ministerial Exchanges between the U.S.A. and Great Britain every summer is under the direction of Dr. Stanley Leyland. The work of the European Methodist Conference, already referred to, is dealt with by the Rev. Wilfred Wade. Still another branch of work in the charge of one of our Ministers is that of linking together of the Amateur Radio enthusiasts in the different countries who are members of the Methodist Church.

The problem of immigration between Britain and the European countries on the one hand and Canada and Australia on the other, presents considerable difficulties but is an opportunity of invaluable service, in preserving Methodist links with those who are making their homes in other lands.

The greatly increased travel, particularly in the countries of Continental Europe, offers a means of preserving and increasing fellowship. Endeavour has been made to provide English Services in some of the Holiday Centres on the continent of Europe and an encouraging beginning has been made in this direction.

Central World Fund

Most encouraging response has been made to the appeal for a central fund inaugurated at the Executive Committee meeting in 1949. The recorded Methodist membership in the Eastern Hemisphere (apart from Eastern Asia) is just over 4,000,000, which is approximately one-fifth of the World membership. The community figure is nearly 10,000,000. It was anticipated that the scattered Missionary districts would only be able to contribute a token gift, but so great was the desire to participate that little more than half the membership contributed in the first year the proportionate amount for the whole area, i.e., one-fifth of the agreed annual total of $15,000.

Publications

The work has been greatly assisted by the *Handbook* with statistics and brief statements of the beginning and development of Methodism in the different countries, produced in America under the Editorship of my colleague. The use of *World Parish* as an occasional publication with Minutes of the World Executive Meetings and other records has also been appreciated. These two publications represent a contribution of real value which we have enjoyed from America.

The President—Dr. Harold Roberts—has written a booklet in preparation for the Oslo Conference expounding its main theme along the line of the prepared outline programme. It is entitled, "New Life in the Spirit," and has been circulated as far as possible to all those attending the Conference. In addition it has had a sale in its own right for its value has been recognized for personal use as well as in Fellowship Meetings.

Work has been done on this side in the preliminary preparation for the proposed "Methodist Dictionary" and also under its own special committee, progress is being made in the preparation of the History of Methodism in Great Britain, the first volume of which may be anticipated next year.

The Oslo Conference

Only the Secretaries can really know the amount of detailed work which goes to the building up of an Assembly of this kind. This task has been a first charge upon Secretarial time and duty during this last year. The Conference will mark the quite considerable achievements of the first decade and the value of the Constitution. At the same time revision is necessary and one of the achievements of the Oslo Conference will be the consideration and almost certain acceptance of the revised Constitution, which it is hoped will give great consultative authority and a more direct representation of the Churches of World Methodism.

A Report, such as this, is probably one of the most unsatisfactory things that a Secretary is called upon to prepare. It is impossible to put into words all that is involved, particularly in such a task as that which devolves upon the Joint-Secretaries of a great World Community like that of the Methodist Church. The catalogue of certain activities and events gives no adequate indication of the growing spirit of unity and the increasing value of the closer links between one section and another. These are amongst the imponderables which cannot easily be expressed in words. Let it be sufficient for this Secretary, at any rate, to say that it has been a great privilege to have responsibility for this developing ecumenicity of the Methodist World and to see, often in small events and incidental happenings, the value that has followed the building up of this organisation with its great possibilities for the future. This is not an end in itself for the Methodist Church is one part only of the Universal Church of our Lord and Saviour. The deepening of union between the different parts of our own Church throughout the world, must be recognised as a contribution to be made to the larger Catholicity of the whole Church of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Benson Perkins, *Secretary*

Nominations

Eric Baker presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The following were elected as officers of the World Methodist Council:

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Mr. Charles Parlin presented a resolution concerning the work and relationships of the Secretaries, which was adopted as follows:

Max W. Woodward shall serve as Secretary resident in Great Britain, and Lee F. Tuttle as Secretary resident in the United States of America. Each shall have full authority and responsibility for administration and carrying out the mandates of the Council and the Executive Committee within the territory covered by his office. Any confusion as to their responsibilities shall be resolved by the President.

E. Benson Perkins and Elmer T. Clark shall be Secretaries Emeritus and shall be available for consultation. Elmer T. Clark shall be Editorial Secretary and editor of "World Parish," "The Dictionary of World Methodism," and other publications.

Edward Rogers moved that the principle of the whole matter of Vice Presidents should be referred to the Executive Committee for a report at a meeting of the Council during the forthcoming quinquennium. This was adopted.

Executive Committee

By vote it was decided that the Executive Committee should have approximately 50 members in addition to the officers, who are *ex officio* members. The Executive Committee was then constituted as follows:

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Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich, Frankfurt a.M., Grillparzerstrasse 34, Germany

By vote it was agreed that three young people should be added to the Executive Committee: one from The Methodist Church, U.S.A., one to be chosen by the representatives of the three Negro Churches in the United States, and one from Great Britain. On motion of Elmer T. Clark, seconded by Charles C. Parlin, James W. Fowler, III was unanimously elected as the youth member from The Methodist Church, U.S.A. William Graves of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was chosen by the three American Negro bodies, and Miss Hazel Barrett was elected from Great Britain.

Membership of the Council

The Secretaries presented nominations for the membership of the World Methodist Council, according to the terms of the new constitution. Following is the list of such nominations:

Nominations for Members of Council

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Rev. Andre Nawej, Kolwezi, Katanga.
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Dr. McFerrin Stowe, St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Dr. Marvin Stuart, P. O. Box 559, Palo Alto, California.
Dr. Willis Tate, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington.
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, R.F.D. 1, Lewisburg, Tennessee.
Dr. William Tolley, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.
Dr. Edward Turner, W. Genesee Street Methodist Church, Syracuse, New York.
Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.
Dr. Hughes Wagner, Trinity Methodist Church, Springfield, Massachusetts.
Dr. E. Jerry Walker, St. James Methodist Church, Chicago 15, Illinois.
Dr. Vincent Watchorn, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.
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Dr. Lester A. Welliver, 811 Market Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.
Dr. J. Frank Wilkinson, University of Wisconsin, Madison 5, Wisconsin.
Dr. Walter G. Williams, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.
Mr. Samuel W. Witwer, Jr., 231 LaSalle Street, Chicago 4, Illinois.
Dr. Ralph L. Woodward, Central College, Fayette, Missouri.
Dr. Dempster Yinger, First Methodist Church, Clinton, Iowa.
Dr. J. Otis Young, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Primitive Methodist Church
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The Rev. Thomas W. Jones, 223 Austin Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Wesleyan Methodist Church
Dr. George E. Failing, Box 2000, Marion, Indiana.
Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, Wesleyan Rural Station, Central, South Carolina.
The Rev. B. H. Phaup, Box 2000, Marion, Indiana.

West Indies, Methodist Church in the
Sister Elsie Bemand, Kingstown, St. Vincent.
The Rev. Caleb W. Cousins, Yarborough Manse, P.O. Box 266, Belize, British Honduras.
The Rev. Atherton Didier, 11 Retirement Crescent, Kingston 5, Jamaica.
The Rev. Deryck M. Lyder, Bethel Manse, Bridgetown, Barbados.
The Rev. Hugh B. Sherlock, 2b Braemar Avenue, Kingston 10, Jamaica.

Following the presentation of these nominations, the Council adjourned.

HAROLD ROBERTS, *President*
E. BENSON PERKINS and
ELMER T. CLARK, *Secretaries*

AUGUST 22, 1961

The adjourned meeting of the World Methodist Council was held in the Filadelfia Hall on Tuesday, August 22, at 4 P.M. The President, Dr. Harold Roberts, presided.

OXFORD THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick reported, on behalf of the Committee, the steps taken towards the holding of a second Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, July 17-27, 1962, in Lincoln College, Oxford. The

general theme is to be 'The Doctrine of the Church'. A Committee of Six was appointed by the Executive in 1959 to promote this second theological assembly: Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick and the Rev. Reginald Kissack (Joint Chairmen), Dr. Harold Roberts, Bishop Odd Hagen, Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, and the Rev. Raymond George. The Committee had delegated certain work of preparation to American and British committees.

The Council received and approved the Report and referred the reappointment of the Committee to the Executive Committee.

Committee on Evangelism

Dr. Harry Denman presented the Report of the Consultative Committee on Evangelism which met on Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M. in the Central Methodist Church. There were seventy-five present widely representative of world Methodism. After discussion of the various forms and opportunities for evangelism the following resolution was passed for submission to the Council:

'That the constituent member Churches of the World Methodist Council be called upon to make the year 1963, being 225 years since the Aldersgate Street experience of John Wesley, be a year in which the significance of that experience be linked with a crusade of evangelistic witnessing, and that this be preceded by prayerful preparation during 1962. The Executive Committee is requested through its sub-committee on evangelism to implement and administer these suggestions throughout world-wide Methodism.'

The Council approved this Report and passed the Resolution for consideration and action by the Executive Committee.

Evangelism on the Campus

The Rev. Rupert E. Davies reported the agreement of this committee that no single programme could be applied to all countries, in view of the differences of university life and government, but believed that continuing consultation would be useful, especially having regard to the changing pattern of higher education in many countries.

The Council agreed to ask the Executive Committee to consider the appointment of a sub-committee to examine this question of evangelism in relation to schools, colleges and universities.

International Methodist Historical Society

Dr. Frank Baker presented this Report, which was adopted by the Council, together with the resolution submitted on the observance of 'Aldersgate Sunday.'

The full Report is appended to these Minutes. (See page 56.)

Committee on Lay Activities

This report was submitted by Dr. R. G. Mayfield, with the following recommendations:

'The Committee on Lay Activities, in reviewing the limited work it has been able to accomplish, feel that positive results have been realized. This progress has been of sufficient value to justify the committee in making these recommendations:

1. That the Committee on Lay Activities be continued for the ensuing five years.
2. That the membership of the Committee be enlarged to include ten persons with representation distributed through various countries.'

The Council adopted this Report and submitted the recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Exchange of Pastorates

Dr. A. Stanley Leyland presented this Report, which was adopted by the Council and is appended to these Minutes. (See page 49.)

The Council recorded its thanks to Dr. Karl Quimby, who was Secretary of this Committee on the American side for so many years, to Bishop Otto Nall, who had taken over the work for the past three years, and to Dr. A. Stanley Leyland, who has been Secretary on the British side throughout.

Theological Education

Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh reported on the convocation on this subject, which had been held for three days in Goteborg prior to the Oslo Conference. He indicated the general recognition of the great value which attached to the association of Methodist theologians in the whole field of theological education. It was suggested that a permanent committee should be set up to keep this matter in mind.

The Council submitted this recommendation to the Executive Committee.

Place of Meeting of Next Conference

The invitation from the trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, included in the Report of Dr. Elmer T. Clark, was presented to the Council. Dr. Latch, on behalf of President Hurst Anderson of the American University and President Norman Trott of the Wesley Theological Seminary, presented an invitation to meet on the campus of the University and the Seminary in Washington, D. C. Reference was also made to the possibility of a meeting centering on the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. These suggestions were referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and decision.

Places of Meeting of the Executive

Dr. Elmer T. Clark presented various suggestions for the meeting of the Executive Committee year by year during this next quinquennium. These were referred to the Executive Committee for action in accordance with its own decision.

Revised Constitution

The following resolution was carried for submission to the Executive Committee for necessary action:

'That the amended Constitution of the World Methodist Council should be officially presented to the authoritative bodies of the participating Methodist Churches for their commendation, and with the request that they should appoint their members to the Council where provision for this has not already been made.'

West African Methodist Council

In answer to a question concerning the liaison between British and American Methodism in countries like West Africa, Dr. E. Benson Perkins explained the existence of the West African Methodist Council. In its inception, invitations were sent to all Methodist Churches along West Africa, including Nigeria, Dahomey and Togoland, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. At present only representatives of the Churches associated with British Methodism are meeting. He urged that steps should be taken to bring together in such councils or regional conferences all branches of Methodism, so that cooperation in missionary strategy may become possible.

A Methodist Flag

Dr. Elmer Clark referred to the discussion which had taken place at several meetings of the Executive Committee, and the preparation of designs and samples of possible flags for the Methodist Church. This matter was referred to the Executive Committee with the recommendation that a decision should be reached.

The Council concluded this third and final session shortly after 5 P.M.

Harold Roberts, *President*
E. Benson Perkins
Elmer T. Clark, *Secretaries*

MINUTES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

Oslo, Norway

AUGUST 25, 1961

The Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council was called to order by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, President, on August 25, 1961, at 3:30 P.M., in Filadelfia Hall, Oslo, Norway. The opening prayer was led by Dr. Eric Baker.

The Secretaries Emeritus, upon invitation of the Committee, brought up a number of matters referred by the Council which were acted upon as follows:

1. It was agreed in accordance with the resolution received from the Council that a communication be sent to the member Churches regarding the new constitution of the Council and that those Churches which have not sent representatives be invited so to do.

2. It was resolved that the number of members of the Council and the allocation of the seats be put on the agenda of the 1962 Executive Committee.

3. The date and place of the next meeting of the Executive Committee were agreed upon. It was decided that the meeting should be in England and the choice of the place left to the British Committee. The date was set for June 25-28, 1962.

In connection with the election of Secretaries, the following resolution was adopted:

"Max W. Woodward shall serve as Secretary nominated by the British Section and Lee F. Tuttle shall serve as Secretary nominated by the American Section.

"Each Secretary shall have full authority and responsibility for administration and carrying out the mandates of the Council and the Executive Committee within the territory covered by his office.

"Any confusion as to authority or responsibility as between these two officers shall be resolved by decision of the President.

"E. Benson Perkins and Elmer T. Clark shall each be accorded the title of Secretary Emeritus and shall be available for consultation.

"In addition, Elmer T. Clark shall be appointed editor of 'The World Parish' and editor of 'The Dictionary of Methodism.' "

After full discussion of our representation at the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, November 18-December 6, 1961, it having been previously pointed out by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft that we would be strictly limited to one delegate, it was voted that Dr. Lee F. Tuttle be appointed the fraternal delegate to represent the World Methodist Council. It was further agreed that Dr. Lee F. Tuttle and the Rev. Max W. Woodward would attend meetings of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches alternately.

Upon motion of Mr. Charles C. Parlin, and duly seconded, the following motion was adopted:

> "RESOLVED: that our Secretaries Max W. Woodward and Lee F. Tuttle be asked to attend the meeting of representatives of Confessional Councils to be held at the World Council of Churches at Geneva, April 2-5, 1962, and that the proper budget committee or committees be requested to make available the necessary funds."

It was resolved that the budget committee be composed of the following: the President, Secretaries, Treasurers, with the Rev. Wilfred Wade, Mr. Charles C. Parlin, Mr. Ragnar Horn, Dr. Eric Baker, Dr.

Manning Potts, Dr. Harold Roberts, and Bishop Paul Martin. Bishop Martin was designated as Chairman.

The Nominating Committee was appointed, consisting of the officers, namely, President, Secretaries, Treasurers, and the two past Presidents. The names of Dr. Eric Baker and Bishop Herbert B. Shaw were added. The President appointed Dr. Baker as Chairman of this Committee. (At the close of the meeting Dr. Baker appointed the Secretaries, Dr. Lee F. Tuttle and the Rev. Max W. Woodward, to act as convenors of this Committee).

It was resolved that the Exchange of Preachers Committee consist of persons appointed on the nomination of the officers of the USA and the British Sections, respectively. It was agreed that the Rev. Dr. Stanley Leyland should be responsible for arrangements on the British side and Dr. Lee F. Tuttle on the American side.

The following Committee for Schools, Colleges and Universities was appointed on the nomination of Dr. John O. Gross and the Rev. Rupert Davies: Bishop Fred P. Corson, Dr. Harry Denman, Dr. Russell Humbert, Bishop Bertram W. Doyle, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Dr. John O. Gross (Secretary), Bishop E. C. Hatcher, Mr. James W. Fowler, Jr., Mr. Glenn Martin, Dr. Eugene Smith, Dr. Hurst R. Anderson, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Dr. Harold Roberts, Dr. Eric Baker, Dr. F. C. F. Grant, Dr. Victor Murray, Dr. Rupert E. Davies, Secretary of the Education Committee of the Methodist Church in Britain, Dr. Charles A. Coulson, Professor H. Cecil Pawson, Dr. John Gibbs, Mr. A. B. Sackett, Mr. Carl Beisiegel, Dr. Leslie A. Hewson and Dr. W. Frank Hambly.

It was decided that the chairman of the various committees meet with the Nominating Committee to select the committee membership. These committee chairmen were designated as follows:

Evangelism in Schools and Colleges: Dr. Harold Roberts

Evangelism: Dr. Harry Denman

Youth Committee: To be designated by the Nominating Committee.

Lay Activities: To be designated by the Nominating Committee.

The committee to arrange the Oxford Institute scheduled to open July 17, 1962, and to have as joint secretaries, Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick and the Rev. A. Raymond George, was appointed as follows: Dr. Harold Roberts, Bishop Odd Hagen, Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, the Rev. Reginald Kissack and Dr. E. Gordon Rupp.

Bishop T. Otto Nall was invited to submit names for the Gothenburg Committee on Theological Education. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh was designated as secretary and the following committee was approved: Dr. Carl Ernst Somner, the Rev. A. Raymond George, Dr. W. Frank Hambly, Mr. Frank Rea, Dr. Norman L. Trott, and the Rev. George S. Sahai. It was also decided to add three pastors or administrators to this committee, to be selected by the Nominating Committee.

The invitations presented to the Council for the World Methodist

Conference in 1966 were received and referred to the 1962 meeting of the Executive Committee for a decision.

It was resolved upon motion of Bishop T. Otto Nall that the Message to the Churches, including the section on War and Peace, stand as adopted, with editorial changes.

The following motion was adopted:

> "Under the provisions of the Constitution, Article VI, granting to the Executive Committee the right to make rules for substitutes in cases of unavoidable absence from meetings of the Executive Committee and other committees, it is agreed that substitutes may be seated for particular sessions upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the territory from which such member comes in consultation with the President of the Section, and so far as practicable, substitutions shall be within the membership of a member church and shall take into consideration classification of clergy and lay, men and women, adult and youth, and geographical location."

It was resolved that acting under the Constitution, Section IV, the member Churches of the United States organize themselves into an American Section and that the persons from such member Churches who are members of this Executive Committee shall serve as members of the Executive Committee of the American Section. It was further resolved that the American Section be authorized to continue the American budget and the World budget as heretofore established by old Section XIII.

It was further resolved that the following be designated as officers of the new American Section: Bishop Paul E. Martin, President; Bishop James W. Henley, Vice-President; Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Secretary, and Mr. Edwin L. Jones, Treasurer, and that these, if necessary, be ex officio members of the Section's Executive Committee.

It was further decided that the Message of the World Methodist Conference be separately printed and made available.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to Bishop Odd Hagen for all his good offices in connection with arrangements for the Oslo Conference.

On behalf of his Cabinet, Bishop Odd Hagen presented gold medals to Bishop Fred P. Corson, Dr. Harold Roberts, Dr. Elmer T. Clark and Dr. E. Benson Perkins. These gifts were acknowledged on behalf of the recipients by Dr. Harold Roberts.

The meeting concluded with prayer and the benediction by Bishop Fred P. Corson, President of the World Methodist Council.

Fred P. Corson, *President*
Max W. Woodward and
Lee F. Tuttle, *Secretaries*

Report on Exchange of Pastorates

The Eighth World Methodist Conference in Oxford in 1951 officially recognized a scheme for the exchange of pastorates as an integral part

of the work under the World Methodist Council. It was based on experimental exchanges which had taken place between 1947 and 1951. Responsibility for the scheme was placed in the hands of Dr. Karl Quimby of New York and Dr. Stanley Leyland of London.

At the Ninth World Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina in 1956 it was reported that in the period of five years there had been fifty-two exchanges, each of them for a period including five to seven Sundays. During the next quinquennium ending with the Oslo Conference of 1961 the number of exchanges have been forty-five. Three of these have been for a period of twelve months and there has also been a group exchange between eight ministers from Ohio and eight from Birmingham, England.

In 1958 Dr. Karl Quimby retired from his office, and his responsibility for the exchange programme was taken over by Dr. (now Bishop) T. Otto Nall. It is desired to place on record our sincere appreciation of the distinguished services of Dr. Quimby, and it was fitting that the British Conference should honour him with a presentation on his retirement.

The pattern of the exchange scheme has been loyally accepted by the brethren who have participated. A sight-seeing tour can be arranged before or after the exchange, but it is expected that the period of the exchange itself will be spent in the local parish. Men are briefed in this and accept it loyally; it is basic to the idea of an 'exchange'. The evidence multiplies of the very great impact made by exchange preachers, not only through their pulpit ministrations, but in their visitation of the 'shut-ins', their care of cases of sickness, and their solicitations for the bereaved. Evidence comes from both the United States and Great Britain of the genuine contribution of the exchanges to the well-being of the local church and the advancement of Christian service.

The 'Ohio-Birmingham' group exchange had certain special features. The British group travelled out together, and they shared in a seminar on arrival and in a united rally at the end of the period of the exchange. A similar plan was scheduled for the American group, but unfortunately it proved impossible, as they did not travel together. Individuals, however, were warmly welcomed and a farewell meeting arranged in each case to express thanksgiving for the blessing received. Wherever it has been possible, exchange preachers have been encouraged to attend conferences, summer schools and other similar gatherings. Some of the American preachers have been able to visit the Annual Conference of British Methodism and receive official welcome from the President.

In addition to exchanges between Britain and America, there have been others, which have included Austria, Portugal, Switzerland, the West Indies, and New Zealand. It is hoped that in the not too distant future Australia, Canada, and South Africa will come into this pro-

gramme. Apart from the arrangement of the exchange programme itself, the Secretaries have been able to arrange itineraries for visiting ministers.

In Great Britain every exchange preacher is sponsored, and indeed chosen, by a Committee set up for the purpose. It would be helpful if a somewhat similar practice could be carried out in America, though an identical scheme would hardly be possible. It might be well, for instance, if the bishops accredited the preachers participating in the exchange.

Whatever changes may be made in the details of the scheme, it is clearly desirable that the exchange programme should be continued. It forges links between ministers and churches and brings the World Methodist Movement down to the very basis of the local church. Every minister who has taken part in it has found his ministry enriched and every church involved has found its life quickened. The amount of good will created is beyond measurement and best of all the scheme is an instrument of true evangelism.

T. Otto Nall
A. Stanley Leyland

Personal note by Dr. A. Stanley Leyland

Bishop Otto Nall has continued the work and fostered the exchange programme which he took over from Dr. Karl Quimby. He grappled with unforeseen difficulties, particularly in connexion with the group exchange, and it was due to him that substitutes were secured when vacancies occurred at the eleventh hour. Our special thanks are due to him as he hands over this side of the work of the World Methodist Council to the newly appointed General Secretary on the American side.

Personal note by Bishop T. Otto Nall

As I pass on to another the task of the past three years, may I say that the work has been wonderfully rewarding. In a sense I have had the privilege of participating personally in every exchange even one to far off New Zealand. I am deeply grateful to all the ministers and lay people involved, to Dr. Karl Quimby, who handed over the exchange programme in such excellent condition three years ago, and to Dr. A. Stanley Leyland, who has been such a patient and resourceful opposite number as well as a true friend on the British side. My gratitude to all of you in the World Methodist Council, but most of all to the Heavenly Father, whose ministers we are.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

(As amended at Oslo, August 17, 1961.)

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be The World Methodist Council.

II. Purpose

The World Methodist Council is an association of the Churches in the Methodist tradition throughout the world. It does not seek to legislate for them nor to invade their autonomy. Rather it exists to serve them and to give unity to their witness and enterprise. In particular it seeks

(a) To deepen the fellowship of the Methodist peoples over the barriers of race, nationality, colour and language.

(b) To foster Methodist participation in the ecumenical movement and to promote the unity of Methodist witness and service in that movement.

(c) To advance unity of theological and moral standards in the Methodist churches of the world.

(d) To suggest priorities in Methodist activity.

(e) To promote the most effective use of Methodist resources in the Christian mission throughout the world.

(f) To encourage evangelism in every land.

(g) To promote Christian Education and the Church's care for Youth.

(h) To uphold and relieve persecuted or needy Christian minorities.

(i) To provide a means of consultation and co-operation between World Methodism and the other world communions of the Christian Church.

(j) To study Union and Reunion proposals which affect Methodist member Churches and to offer advice and help as desired.

(k) To arrange the Exchange of Preachers through a committee appointed for that purpose.

III. Membership

The World Methodist Council is comprised of the Churches in the Methodist tradition which satisfy the criteria the Council may itself from time to time prescribe. Churches not in membership when this Constitution is adopted may apply for membership at any meeting of the Council, or in years when the Council does not meet at any meeting of the Executive Committee. Union Churches are eligible to apply for fraternal relations or for a full place within the Council.

IV. Sections

Member Churches in geographical proximity may organize themselves in Sections within the Council to further the stated purposes of the Council and may hold such gatherings as are useful and practicable.

V. The Council

The Council is a self-governing body deriving its advisory and administrative authority from the several Methodist Churches constituting its membership and existing for the purposes outlined in Section II. Its members are designated by the member Churches in accordance with their respective disciplines and procedures, the numbers allotted to each Church being decided by the Executive Committee. Member Churches are urged in making their designations to include laymen and laywomen members and to distribute their appointments over their total territory. In addition it is permissible for the Executive Committee to add to the Council up to ten members additional to those designated by the member Churches. The total number of Council members may not be less than 250 nor more than 500. The Council shall meet at such times as it or the Executive Committee considers desirable but at least once in each five-year period. The place of meeting shall be determined by the Council or the Executive Committee. The meetings shall be held in the main centers of Methodist work throughout the world, which shall be selected in the light of accessibility, travel costs, and the probability of a representative attendance. The Council or the Executive Committee shall submit an annual report to the member Churches with the hope that this may be presented to their annual or other conferences and appropriate committees.

VI. The Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Commitee which shall exercise all the functions of the Council between its meetings, including the review and amendment of budget and the election of a President or Vice President and Secretary or Secretaries in case between meetings of the Council a vacancy should occur. The Executive Committee shall be elected by the Council at each meeting. It shall be composed of the officers of the Council and such other members as the Council shall determine. Its number shall not be less than 25 nor more than 50. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill all vacancies in its own membership which occur between meetings of the Council. The Executive Committee shall meet annually if practicable at such times and places as it may determine. It may determine matters relating to the program and finances of its meetings and may invite non-members for particular purposes. The Executive Committee is free to make its own rules for substitutes in cases of unavoidable absence from its meetings, and meetings of other committees.

VII. The Conference

The Council shall convene a Conference at such times and places as the Council or the Executive Committee considers desirable but at least once in each ten-year period. The Conference shall be composed of all the members of the Council and of all officers of the Committees of the World Methodist Council and of delegates and accredited visitors appointed by the member Churches in the ratio determined by the Council or Executive Committee. The purpose of the Conference is to secure a wider dissemination of interest in the affairs of the World Methodist Council and to promote a sense of unity among the Methodist people. Its duties shall be educational, inspirational and fraternal in nature. All matters of an administrative or executive nature shall be settled by vote of the Council. The Conference shall have the right to vote on such matters as are submitted to it by the Council or Executive Committee.

VIII. Officers

The officers of the World Methodist Council shall be a President, the Past Presidents, one or more Vice Presidents elected by the Council, a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Secretary or Secretaries elected by the Council on nomination of the Executive Committee. The duties of the President, Past Presidents, Vice President, Treasurer or Treasurers, and Secretary or Secretaries shall be those usually performed by such officers. The Secretary or Secretaries shall have the special duty of carrying out the decisions of the Council and of the Executive Committee in co-operation with the President and the Treasurer or Treasurers.

The President shall hold office for a period of five years, or from the close of the Council meeting which elected him to the close of the Council meeting next following. He shall not be eligible for re-election.

IX. Budget and Finance Committee

There shall be a Budget and Finance Committee composed of the officers plus not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) members elected by the Council. Whenever there are less than the maximum number of members, vacancies may be filled by the Committee itself or by the Executive Committee.

It shall be the duty of this Committee (a) to prepare and submit to each meeting of the Council a budget as a basis for discussion, planning and for adoption as amended, (b) to prepare a recommended allocation of budget costs as between the member Churches which appears to the Committee to be reasonable and appropriate and to advise each member Church of the Committee's recommendation, (c) to keep in touch with the financial officers or bodies of the member Churches with reference to supplying the budgetary needs of the World Methodist Council, and (d) to report to each meeting of the Council and of the Executive Committee.

X. Other Committees

The Council and the Executive Committee may each appoint such committees as they shall desire, provide for the membership and structure of such committees, define their duties, receive their reports and direct their activities.

XI. Departments and Affiliates

The Council may create departments for its work and may prescribe their duties. It may also accept other bodies as affiliated organizations on such terms as may be mutually acceptable.

XII. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by the vote of three-fourths of the Members of the Council present and voting at any meeting, providing the amendments have been considered by the Executive Committee, and have been submitted at least 24 hours in advance to the Council Members.

INTERNATIONAL METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The International Methodist Historical Society Committee met in Oslo, Norway on the afternoon of August 22, 1961. Interested friends from various parts of the world met with the group. Bishop Bertram W. Doyle, Vice President, presided during the first part of the session, and Bishop Odd Hagen, President, presided over the latter part.

Secretaries' Reports

In the unavoidable absence of the American Secretary, Dr. Frank Baker reported for both himself and Dr. Elmer T. Clark. He stated that most of the work of the Committee has been carried out by correspondence, though the sectional committees in the United States and Great Britain have met regularly and carried out important undertakings, some of which are mentioned later in these minutes. In accordance with a resolution of the World Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska in 1956, greetings have been sent to Methodist Churches in several countries on the occasion of centenaries and similar commemorations. New historical societies have been formed, and there is a quickening of interest in the story, social witness, and theology of the Methodist movement, which it is hoped will further increase during the coming years.

Commemorations

It was agreed that fraternal greetings and congratulations in the name of the Council and the Society be sent on the occasions of the centenaries of Methodism in Italy (1962), Kenya (1962), and on such other occasions as should come to the notice of the Secretaries.

The following resolution was prepared for the approval of the World Methodist Council:

> "This World Methodist Council meeting in Oslo, 1961, once more commends to the Methodist people everywhere the observance of *Aldersgate Sunday* (the Sunday falling upon or immediately preceding May 24th) as an occasion for remembering the faith of our founders and for rededicating ourselves in universal fellowship to the spreading of scriptural holiness throughout the world."

Historic Shrines

The restoration and opening of these historic shrines was brought to the attention of the Society:

The Old Rectory at Epworth in England was restored and opening was held in 1957, and the property now belongs to the World Methodist Council. Increasing use is being made of this shrine as a centre for small conferences and as an inspiring place of pilgrimage for Methodists from all over the world.

The boyhood home of Francis Asbury, purchased by the West Bromwich County Borough Council, was restored and opened in 1959, with the close cooperation of the World Methodist Council.

The area of Aldersgate Street in Central London is being greatly altered through city planning after war-damage, and arrangements have been made with the London City Council to place a marker near the site of John Wesley's great experience.

In all these measures to preserve historic shrines, Methodists everywhere are indebted to the zeal and administrative efficiency of Dr. E. Benson Perkins, Secretary of the World Methodist Council in Great Britain, and a member of the International Historical Society.

The Society expressed the desire that an inquiry be made into the possibility of replacing the tablet which formerly marked John Wesley's Chapel in West Street, off Piccadilly Circus, London. It was also suggested that a valuable undertaking would be the compilation of a list of such markers in various parts of the world. Information about these would be welcomed by the two Secretaries, and might then be included in the *Dictionary of World Methodism.*

Publications

The bulletin World Parish founded by the Society continues to be of real value as a means of spreading news about World Methodism, but it is still hoped that eventually it may be possible to introduce a periodical devoted to more scholarly historical interests.

The *Dictionary of World Methodism* makes progress under the editorship of Dr. Elmer T. Clark, who will continue this work after he retires from the active Secretaryship of the World Methodist Council. Careful planning has been undertaken in the United States and Great Britain, and many of the articles are already in the hands of the editor. The *Dictionary* will give concise information about the major people, places, events, and organizations of World Methodism.

The Society welcomed the news that at last we are to have a definitive edition of *Wesley's Works.* A group of Methodist universities in the United States are sponsoring this great venture, and it is anticipated that the work will take about ten years and some thirty-five volumes. It will include all of Wesley's original writings, and at least the more important works which he edited. In preparation for the undertaking, all 18th century editions of his writings are being sought for collation. In addition to a scholarly text, the edition will offer an introduction to each publication and explanatory notes and comments. One volume will be devoted to a bibliography of Wesley's writings. A strong editorial board has been appointed, and after careful preparation the services of scholars throughout the world will be sought.

Archives

The British Methodist Conference has appointed the Rev. Wesley F. Swift as a full-time archivist, responsible for inaugurating a new Archives Depository and Research Centre at the Methodist Book

Room, City Road, London, England. This will make more fully available to scholars the great riches of British Methodist archives. It has been made possible by the generosity of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and the Departments and General Purposes Fund of the British Methodist Conference.

Officers

The following were appointed Officers and Committee of the Society:

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Dr. Frank Baker

The group expressed appreciation to Dr. Frank Baker for the work he has done in the interest of Methodist history. Dr. Baker retired as Secretary of the Society for Great Britain because of his appointment to Duke University, North Carolina, where he will also serve as Associate Editor for the new edition of Wesley's *Works,* with special responsibility for bibliography and archives.

Odd Hagen, *President*
Frank Baker and
Elmer T. Clark, *Secretaries*

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